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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST VISIT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ

REF:A) CARACAS 873, B) TEHRAN 2313(NOTAL)

1. VENEZUELA'S OPEC GOVERNOR JESUS GARCIA CORONADO

PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH SOME DETAILS ON FORTHCOMING

MIDDLE EAST TRIP OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ.

OFFICIAL PARTY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MINISTER OF

ENERGY ANDMINES VALENTIN HERNANDEZ ACOSTA AND

POSSIBLY GARCIA CORONADO, TO LEAVE CARCAS APRIL 20. PARTY WILL STOP FIRST AT QATAR, FOLLOWED IN APPROXIMATE ORDER, BY KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN AND IRAQ. (SAUDI CHARGE HERE TOLD US EARLIER THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WOULD BE IN JIDDA APRIL 25 - 27.) GARCIA CORONADO SAID LONGEST STOP WOULD BE IN IRAN, WHERE PRESIDENT PEREZ WOULD BE RETURNING SHAH'S 1975 VISIT TO VENEZUELA. REF B GIVES DATES FOR THIS STOP AS APRIL 28 - 30.

2. GARCIA CORONADO AVOIDED DISCUSSING SUBSTANTIVE NATURE OF VISITS, BUT DID NOTE THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE ALL FOUNDING MEMBERS OF OPEC. HE ALSO SAID HE AND MINISTER HERNANDEZ MAY CONTINUE ON TO VISIT OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF PRESIDENTIAL VISITS.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS INDICATIONS THAT GOV MAY NOW BE LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN IN THE PAST OVER PROSPECTS FOR A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO THE OPEC PRICE SPLIT. MINISTER HERNANDEZ HAS EMPHASIZED IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT THE ELEVEN OPEC MEMBERS, INCLUDING VENEZUELA, ARE ALL COMMITTED TO RAISE PRICES AN ADDITIONAL 5 PERCENT ON JULY 1 UNLESS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERIAL MEETING IS HELD WHICH AMENDS THIS COMMITMENT. AND, HE SAID, THE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT ON PRICES HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED. HIGH LEVEL EXXON OFFICIALS HERE EARLY IN THE WEEK ALSO TOLD US THEY BELIEVE HERNANDEZ

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AND PRESIDENT PEREZ ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRICE SPLIT, AND THAT HERNANDEZ IS STILL TRYING TO PROMOTE A COMPROMISE IN THE RANGE OF A 7 TO 8 PERCENT INCREASE FOR THE YEAR.

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